



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have managed to fit such a lot into our four day week and we are sure that next week will be the same again!

We have linked our work this week to Vocations Sunday, when we think about what God is calling us to do with our God-given gifts and talents. During our assemblies, we listened to a video with some adults talking about their vocations and how they feel they have a purpose which fulfils them. They talked about their job that they love to do as it promotes various values and virtues: creativity, generosity, understanding and brings joy to others. Today, we celebrated all of the work the children have produced this week around vocations. Each year group had a different theme, including: people who help us, how we live as a family, what God wants us to do, the life of St Josephine Bakhita and the wonderful work of Fr. Craig. Y3 led us in some beautiful prayers. To continue this learning, Mrs Hayes has set up a Padlet page for children and families to add to. Please share ideas in answer to the question, 'What has God called you to be?' We would love to hear from children and adults alike.

We couldn't end the week without learning some more information about King Charles III and his own vocation. We celebrated with games and treats, including fish and chips and ice-cream! Thank you, again, to our PTA, who funded the games and activities that we have been enjoying today! Our playground refurbishment is almost complete!

Have a wonderful Coronation Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill



Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been producing wonderful writing, remembering key number and fraction knowledge in maths and having a fantastic, exemplary attitude to school!

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to YR for excellent behaviour and brilliant lining up and to Y4 for supporting each other with their times tables knowledge.

Our attendance winners this week are Y3 with 100% - fantastic!

The School Council have decided that the Saints Star winning team each week will earn ten minutes extra break time. How exciting!

Attendance Matters

Evidence shows that attendance does affect a child's learning and attainment. Having an attendance record of 90% is the equivalent to missing a half day's teaching every week. A record nearer to 80% is the equivalent of missing one full day every week. All children should aspire to have an attendance as near to 100% as is possible.

Attendance during one school year of 90% is equivalent to 19 days' absence, 4 weeks and 100 lessons.

Attendance of 80% during one school year is equivalent to 38 days' absence, 8 weeks and 200 lessons missed.

As you will know every day in school is vital for your child's learning,

A huge thank you to the vast majority who have been visibly seen making an effort to ensure your child arrives for school on time. This has really helped lessons start on time and enhance the learning and wellbeing of the children.



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Notices

- Year Six are working incredibly hard in preparation of SATs week next week. We know you will do us proud! Well done for your commitment and dedication. After the last test on Friday 12th May, the children will have a McDonald's treat, in keeping with Year Six tradition.
- PTA 50/50 Winners: It has been decided that there will be one winner per month from now on, which equates to a larger prize! The winner for March is A. Gallagher with a total of £71.25. Cheques will be sent out in due course and the April winner will be announced soon. Our new treasurer, Marianne, will be dealing with this from now on and we give a huge thanks to Rachel, who is handing over this role after many years of giving up her time and expertise to support school - thank you!
- The next PTA fundraiser event is planned for the evening of Thursday 8th June - a ladies' fashion show / shop to be held at school. Please put the date in your diaries. Tickets are available to purchase via the Gateway at £5.00 each. Grab your tickets before they sell out!
- Nursery parents, please note that Nursery will be closed on Wednesday 12th July due to transition arrangements. Please make alternative childcare arrangements on this day.

Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
School Closed

Please see separate letters about KS1 and KS2 SATs for Y2 and Y6.
KS2 SATS start Tuesday 9th May
KS1 SATs: Week beginning 15th May

Thursday 18th May 2pm School Mass, all welcome: The Feast of the Ascension

Saturday 20th May 11am and 1pm:
Y3 First Holy Communion

Monday 22nd May 2pm Y1-6 May
Procession (more details to follow)

Friday 26th May - Art Gallery (more details to follow)

Friday 26th May - 2pm Y3 Thanksgiving
Mass in school, all welcome

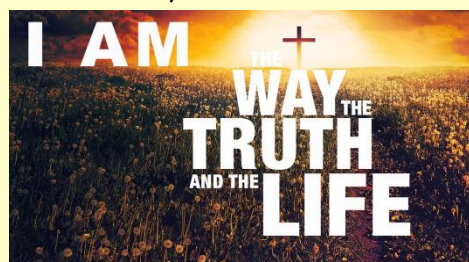
Reflection

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

John 14: 1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they already know the way to the place he is going, even though they have never been there before. Jesus explained to them all they needed to know.

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know and have seen him."



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher